

1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a [suitable] sufficient amount of time to provide that a layer of hydroxyapatite or other calcium phosphate crystals is formed on the nails and ions from the bioactive glass penetrate layers of the nails to form hydroxyapatite crystals within the layers of the nails.

14. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails in mammals other than humans comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a [suitable] sufficient amount of time to provide that a layer of hydroxyapatite or other calcium phosphate crystals is formed on the nails and ions from the bioactive glass penetrate layers of the nails to form hydroxyapatite crystals within the layers of the nails.

16. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of bioactive extract to the nails for a [suitable] sufficient amount of time to provide that a layer of hydroxyapatite or other calcium phosphate crystals is formed on the nails and ions from the bioactive extract penetrate layers of the nails to form hydroxyapatite crystals within the layers of the nails.